

**FAP 340 (I-355 South Extension)
INTERSTATE ROUTE 55 TO INTERSTATE ROUTE 80
COOK, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES**

**FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
and SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**

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The recommended action is to construct FAP 340 (I-355 South Extension) from Interstate Route 55 to Interstate Route 80. The recommended facility, referred to as the Tollroad/Freeway Alternative, will be a 20.2 kilometer (12.5 mile) long multi-lane divided highway. Located approximately 40.2 kilometers (25.0 miles) southwest of downtown Chicago, Illinois, the facility will pass through Cook, DuPage and Will Counties. The range of Alternatives investigated include the No-Action (Baseline), Mass Transit and three Build Alternatives consisting of an Enhanced Arterial, Lemont Bypass and Tollroad/Freeway Alternative. The Tollroad/Freeway Alternative was selected as the Preferred Alternative.

This final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation (Final SEIS) discloses additional information related to implementing the Tollroad/Freeway Alternative. The proposed highway will improve access and mobility for local and regional travel by providing a connection between I-55 and I-80 to serve as a principal link in a bypass route around the Chicago metropolitan area. It will also provide a safe, efficient and balanced transportation facility consistent with the adopted 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and the land use and transportation plans of the Project Corridor local governments.

Comments on this Final SEIS are due by October 15, 2001 and should be sent to Mr. John P. Kos, P.E., District Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196.